Closed Textile Mills in Rajasthan

1811. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of textile mills lying closed at present in Rajasthan with specific reasons for closure;

(b) what is the number of labour thrown out of employment due to closure; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to reopen the textile mills and make them viable?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) The number of cotton textile mills closed in Rajasthan as on 31st May, 1987, was 5. The reasons for closure were financial difficulties, labour trouble/lock out, disconnection of power due to non-payment of electricity bills, etc.

(b) The number of employees affected by these closures was 1,177.

(c) Government have set up a Nodal Agency to determine whether sick textile mills are potentially viable or not. The Nodal Agency evolves and manages rehabilitation packages in respect of units found to be viable. In addition, Govt. have set up a Textile Modernisation Fund to finance the modernisation needs of textile mills

Pak's Nuclear programme

1812. PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what was U.S. Government's response when Indian Ambassador P. K. Kaul met Under Secretary of State Michael Armacost recently to convey once again India's serious concern over Pakistan's nuclear programe; and

(b) whether the U S. Government gave any indication of its thinking on the issue of stopping military aid to Pakistan in accordance with its own laws in view of positive evidence about Pakistan making a nuclear bomb and exposure of two Pakistanis trying to acquire illegally bomb-related equipment and materials and smuggling them to Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) The US Government maintain that US assistance reduces significantly the risk that Pakistan would acquire nuclear weapons. However, in public the US Government has voiced its concerns about the overall nature and direction of Pakistan's nuclear programme and about Pakistan's ongoing unsafeguarded uranium enrichment activity.

(b) The US Government has only stated that the US Administration is taking seriously its responsibilities under U.S. law.

Sub-committee on restructuring of Handloom Developing schemes

1813. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the composition of the Sub-Committee on restructuring of handloom development schemes and programmes;

(b) whether the activity of the Sub-Committee covers both the organised and unorganised sectors of the handloom weavers; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) The Sub-Committee consisted of the following members:—

(i) Shri S. Narayanan, Commissioner of Handlooms, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh.—*Chairman*

(ii) Shri P. Rajagopal Naidu, Member, All India Handloom & Handicrafts Board.—*Member*

(iii) Shri Khalid Anwar Ansari, Member, AIHHB.—*Member*

(iv) Shri Pragada Kotaiah, Member, AIHHB.—*Member*

(v) Shri S. S. Lenka, Director of Handlooms, Orissa.— *Member*

(vi) Shri C. K. Roy Chowdhary, Director of Handlooms, Govt. of West Bengal.—*Member*

(vii) Shri Ravi Mathur, Director of Handlooms, Govt. of U.P. —*Member*

(viii) Shri I. G. Gupta, Director of Handlooms, Govt. of Assam.— *Member*

(ix) Shri Abdul Rahim, Director of Handlooms, Kerala.—*Member*

(x) Shri Malayaswami, Director of Handlooms, Tamil Nadu— *Member*

(xi) Shri A. Desai, Director of Handlooms, Gujarat.—*Member*

(xii) Smt. Ranjana Sinha, Jt. Development Commissioner, Office of the Development Commissioner of Handlooms.—*Convenor*

(b) No, Sir. The Sub-Committee had to examine the programmes and schemes for providing assistance to weavers covered by the State Handloom Cooperatives and Corporations.

(c) The main thrust of the schemes of the Central Government for the handloom sector is to strengthen the non-exploitative organisational structure of cooperatives and Corporations. The Sub-Committee was, therefore, required to examine/evaluate the effectiveness of these schemes and programmes meant for weavers covered by the State Handloom Cooperatives and Corporations.

1814. [*Transferred to the 19th August*, 1987].

Eve-teasing cases in Delhi

1815. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether of late there has been an increase in the incidents of eve-teasing in Delhi;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to check such incidents and with what results;

(c) what is the number of persons arrested for eve-teasing during the period from January to July, 1987 and how do these figures compare with those of 1985 and 1986; and

(d) what punishment has been awarded to the persons arrested on the charge of eve-teasing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The increase in the detected cases of eve-teasing is due to the special drives launched by the Delhi Police.

(b) To check eve-teasing, police personnel in uniform as well as in plain clothes are deployed in markets, main bus stops and girls schools and colleges. Police personnel in plain clothes are also deployed in running buses. Special drives are also conducted from time to time.